

2-50 T.M.U. The water below Nizamsagar will be utilised for Bidar District because you are aware that there also some portion of Bidar District comes. The rest of the regenerated water is also there. We shall take up that question as and when development of the project comes up. We may get something more. I do not want to spell out now how much it is. I would like to assure the hon'ble Member that I have tried my very best to see that Bidar gets what it had not been getting all these years and also see that not a few thousands of acres but not less than 2 lakhs of acres come under irrigation in Bidar District under the Manjara River basin. This will come to more than 30% of the land under cultivation. I think the hon'ble Member should be more than satisfied with this assurance.

SRI MANIKRAO PATIL.—Sir, my bitter criticism might have angered the Hon'ble Chief Minister. It was my feeling and also the people's feeling. After listening to the statement of the Chief Minister, I am convinced that he has got more concern for the people of Bidar District than myself. I congratulate him for taking such a bold stand.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URU.—Sir, now that the hon'ble Member is good enough to accept my statement: I may tell this House that as long as I remain as Chief Minister, I have a duty to concern myself with the welfare of every individual citizen of this Karnataka State and not merely the people of Bidar or Gulbarga or Mysore or my village or my relations. This is the way in which I hope I am functioning. If I have faltered anywhere, the hon'ble Members can correct me.

(ii) *Re:—Termination of Services of SC & ST officials in Karnataka Housing Board Etc.*

† SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM (KGF).—Sir, first of all I am glad that I am raising this subject when the Chief Minister is here. Though it pertains to the Housing Board I would like to raise one or two points for his consideration.

The Housing Board was established in 1956. Till today it has not framed the Cadre and Recruitment Rules. They framed it once and sent it to the Government in 1974 but it was not approved. For the last 22 years or so the Housing Board is functioning with these rules. They are not having the Government orders pertaining to the reservation of posts for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. In 1974 the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in their report has observed as follows.

"The Cadre and Recruitment Rules of the Board for making necessary provision for reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes which is stated to be pending approval of the Government should be finalised early. The Committee express its displeasure that the Government orders regarding reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes issued from time to time are not readily available in the Board. In the absence of these orders the Committee wonder how the Board is maintaining the percentage of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and they hope that all efforts should be made by the Board to see that the reserved quotas are strictly adhered to by them in future."

The Board has got today roughly 700 employees and there is no reservation for SCs/STs in the higher cadres like engineers and administrative officers. They say they are brought from the P.W.D. and other departments. Even in the lower cadres the reservation is inadequate. Even among the work-charged establishment or the temporary persons recruited by the Board, there is no adequate representation for them. The Board has conveniently removed the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe temporary employees on the plea that they have not completed 3 or 4 years but they do not remove the others. You were also, Sir, the Chairman of the Board for some time and you know that the requisite reservation for them is not there. They might have appointed a few of them but they are removing them now. Everybody thinks that these people are getting 15% and 3% respectively of the appointments. But for the information of the House and of the Government I may say that is not so; it is incorrect. From 1971 we are not getting this 15% and 3% but only 13½%. The population of the State in 1950 when the Constitution came into force was about 98 lakhs and today it has gone up to 3.50 crores. The Population of the SCs/STs has also gone up but not the reservation percentage proportionately. On the contrary it has been reduced. to 13½%. In 1971 Sri Devaraja Urs was not the Chief Minister. Then there was a direction from the Government of India that out of 100 posts for which candidates are to be directly recruited 10 should be reserved for ex-service men and out of the remaining 90 posts 15% should be reserved for Scheduled Castes and 3% for Scheduled Tribes. Some top officer of the DPAT, may be the Joint Secretary, interpreted the order to mean that even in that 10% reserved for ex-service men if there are Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe people they should not be considered. This is a violation of the constitutional provision. I shall read the relevant order:

"9. Provision for ex-servicemen.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the rules of recruitment specially made in respect of any service or post, if in such rules of recruitment direct recruitment is prescribed as one of the methods of recruitment, the percentage or number of vacancies set apart for that method shall be reduced by ten per cent or by such number as is equal to ten per cent of the vacancies and the percentage or number so reduced shall be filled by direct recruitment from among ex-service men and members of the families of persons who, while serving in the Armed Forces of the Union, were either killed or permanently disabled—"

They make reservation for ex-servicemen, Further it says:

"Orders relating to reservation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, backward tribes and other backward classes issued by the Government under clause 4 of Art 16 of the Constitution of India shall not be applicable for recruitment belonging to categories mentioned in sub rule (1) "

My submission is from 1971 the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are not getting 15% and 3% reservation in direct recruitment They are getting less than that. If recruitment were to take place say for 600 teachers 60 posts are taken not for ex-servicemen and in the remaining 540 posts 15% and 3% reservations are given for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. That means for every 100 posts we are losing nearly 1½ posts. I think the cabinet has not thought about this. I am saying this because the suggestions made by the centre are not made applicable in States like Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, whereas here we are losing our percentage.

Last year there was order that there must be reservation in promotions. I would like to bring to the notice of the Government that Visveswaraya Iron and Steel Works is one of the public sector undertakings. The Chief Secretary is the Chairman and the Managing Director remains in Bangalore and once in a way he goes to Bhadravati. Though the Government have said all promotions must be stopped because they want to make reservation in promotions, the V.I.S.L. promoted 1200 persons of various categories, without giving even a single promotion to S.C. candidate. The Chairman is the Chief Secretary who is in charge of personnel administration and who is there to safeguard the interests of the Scheduled Castes according to the constitution.

MR. SPEAKER.—The hon. member will kindly confine to the subject mentioned in the notice i.e., treatment meted out to scheduled caste temporary candidates who are working in the Housing Board.

SRI C.M. ARMUGHAM.—Thank you Sir. Incidentally I brought to the notice of the Government because the Government may not be aware what is going on. In 1971 whoever was the Chief Minister he should be garlanded; if it was done during the Governor's rule, it is still worse. The Housing Board is not a board for a few individuals. It is not a board to give some appointments to some unemployed who are close to the Board. Everyone in the State is entitled to have an appointment in this Board. This Board though established in 1956, till date has not framed cadre and recruitment rules. Without any sympathy or compassion for the poor they are thinking of removing the scheduled caste persons working there. The other day I read Sri S. Bangarappa, P.W.D. Minister saying that all those who are working in the work-charged establishment will be made permanent. Such a decision should be made applicable in respect of the Housing board also. The Government must stop removing the Scheduled Castes who are working as watchmen or maistries; secondly they must frame the cadre and recruitment rules immediately and thirdly they must fill up the backlog of vacancies meant for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

SRI P.F. RODRIGUES (Minister of State for Housing).—

The hon. member made some remarks about representation of scheduled castes in various departments of the Government. I only appeal to the member to come out with a specific motion so that we may be put on guard and reply. Now I am not in a position to answer all the charges. I will confine myself only to the notice given.

Sir, as far as the Housing Board is concerned I am grateful to my friend for the encomiums paid to me and I assure the hon. member through the chair that as far as cadre and recruitment rules are concerned, I am at it. When I took over charge I discovered to my horror that this Housing Board was going through its recruitment without cadre and recruitment rules being framed. I assure very soon it will be done. With this assurance I will proceed.

Sir, as far as the interests of SC/STs are concerned, I assure the hon. member and the House that their interests will be absolutely safe as long as I am there, and I will see that their interests are in no way jeopardised. In this connection, I wish to make the following statement:—

"No proposals regarding Cadre and Recruitment Rules are pending before the Government. The Cadre & Recruitment Rules pertaining to the staff of the Karnataka Housing Board has not been finalised by the Karnataka Housing Board even though the Board came into existence in 1965. Draft Rules are referred to the Sub-Committee and the same is under consideration. After the Board considers and submits them to the Government, the same will be considered by the Government.

3-00 P. M.

The posts of Work Inspectors, Maistry, temporary Maistry, Watchman, etc., are borne on temporary workcharge establishment and are charged to the works concerned and their continuance or otherwise depends on the workload in the project in which they are appointed. Naturally, when the staff becomes surplus, retrenchment has to be resorted to. Further, it is clarified that termination has been done on the basis of "last come first served" and the same thing has been adopted in all categories of such appointments. The representation to the SC/STs in these appointments and details of persons retrenched and reasons therefor are to be collected from the various Divisions and Sub-divisions spread all over the state and it will take some time before they are made available to Government, since such appointments to such posts are done by the Executive Engineers of the respective divisions after taking into account the work load involved in respect of each work purely on a temporary basis.

Nonetheless I have been able to get information about appointments made as far as Project Division in Bangalore is concerned:

Total number of Junior Work Inspectors

appointed	...	...	20
Watchmen and others	...	...	3
		Total	23

No. of persons of SC	...	...	9
do ST	...	...	1
		Total	10

So, out of 23 persons 10 persons belong to SC/STs-

No. of persons terminated	...	3
No. of persons of SC terminated	...	1

In view of the formula adopted, the junior-most person has to go, and the reason is obvious. When the work is over, we cannot keep them. Even the appointment is made on that basis. But, I can assure one thing, that if more work is going to be taken up in this particular division, such of those who had to be terminated if they are available will be taken back. This is the assurance I am giving to the hon. member. I cannot do anything more than this. This is the position.

As far as appointments are concerned, the overall position is as under.—

Category	Total employees	No. of SCs	Percentage	No. of STs	Percentage
Class III	198	36	18.18%	6	3.03%
Class IV	126	12	9.52%	2	1.58%

Sir, once the Cadre and Recruitment rules are finalised, I am sure and certain that things will definitely improve. I may also inform the hon. member that after the Karnataka Housing Board Act was amended, Section 10A was introduced, and the appointments are going on in a particular fashion. The percentage of reservation of SC/STs in the services of the Housing Board was fixed under Section 10A in 1974. After 1974, 17 appointments to Class IV posts have been made out of which 4 have been given to Scheduled Castes and one for Scheduled Tribe. In future, vacancies in all categories will be filled up according to Government Order No. DPAR 1 SBC 77, Bangalore, dated 4th March 1977 which has fixed the number of vacancies to be given to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes etc., and which has been made applicable to the services of bodies like the Karnataka Housing Board.

SRI C. M. ARMUGHAM.—The Cadre and Recruitment Rules have not been framed though the Board came into existence about 26 years ago, and on account of this the reservation rules have not been followed. In the light of the fact that there is no adequate representation for the SC/STs in this Board, will the Hon'ble Minister assure that they will not resort to retrenchment of SC/STs whether working temporarily or permanent? I want to know what action the Government is going to take for not having followed the reservation rules? Is the Government prepared to suspend the Commissioner for not framing the Cadre and Recruitment Rules for the last 22 years? Is this the way the Government should function? In the absence of Cadre and Recruitment Rules, which was conveniently delayed for all these years, the SC/STs have been deprived of their reservation.

Will the Government now consider not to resort to retrench the SC/STs working on work-charge establishment till the Cadre and Recruitment Rules are framed in the Housing Board?

SRI P. F. RODRIGUES.—Sir, I made the position very clear, that unless and until the Cadre and Recruitment Rules are finalised it will be very difficult.

MR. SPEAKER.—I think the Housing Board has got power and is competent to do it!

SRI P. F. RODRIGUES.—Sir, I will refer this matter to the Board because of the situation, retrenchment was done, and whosoever was the junior—most had to go. Only one person belonging to SC has been retrenched. I will discuss this with the Commissioner of the Housing Board and see what can be done in the matter.

MR. SPEAKER.—I think the Hon'ble Minister will discuss with the officers concerned and see that justice is done even in the case of temporary appointments.

Statement by the Minister for Food and Forests

re : Support prices for maize

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ರಾಮೇಗೌಡ (ಆಹಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಅಪ್ಪಣೆಪಡೆದು ಬೆಂಬಲ ಬೆಲೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಮಿಶ್ರತಳಿ ಜೋಳದ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಇಸುಚ್ಛಿತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಆಯಾ ಲೆವಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಭತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಗಿ ಜೋಳವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಂಬಲ ಬೆಲೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆಗಳ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಮುಂಗಾರು ಭತ್ತ, ರಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮುಂಗಾರು ಜೋಳವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಲು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿದೆ. ಮಿಶ್ರತಳಿ ಜೋಳವನ್ನು ಬೆಂಬಲ ಬೆಲೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಂತಿಮ ನಿರ್ಣಯ ಕೈಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಭಾರತ ಆಹಾರ ನಿಗಮವು ಬೆಂಬಲ ಬೆಲೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಮಿಶ್ರತಳಿ ಜೋಳವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸುವ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕೈಕೊಂಡರೆ, ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ರೀತಿಯ ನೆರವನ್ನು ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿದೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಪತ್ರ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ನಡೆಸಿದ ನಂತರ, ಭಾರತ ಆಹಾರ ನಿಗಮದ ಪರವಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಬೆಂಬಲ ಬೆಲೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಮಿಶ್ರತಳಿ ಜೋಳವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸ ಬಹುದೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಸಲಹೆ ನೀಡಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಹಾಗೆ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದ ಧಾನ್ಯವನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದ್ದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಧಾನ್ಯವನ್ನು ಭಾರತದ ಆಹಾರ ನಿಗಮವು ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದೆಂದು ಸಹ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ. ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಾಂಶು ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್ನಿತರ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿ ದ್ದಾರೆ. ಭಾರತದ ಆಹಾರ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ನಿನ ಪರವಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಾದ್ಯಂತ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಆಹಾರ ಮತ್ತು ನಾಗರಿಕ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್ ಇವರು ಮಿಶ್ರತಳಿ ಜೋಳವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸುವ ಸಂಬಂಧದಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಸರಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ನಿಯಮ ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ನಿಯಮ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.